WARRANT FOR MARCH 5, 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 5th day of March AD 2022 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statues of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officials and the secret ballot vote on the 6 referendum questions, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 5, 2022. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Motion to nominate Peter Mills as moderator: Sarah Davis. Second: Elaine Aloes.

Secret ballot vote: Yes 3

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Article 2: To elect by secret ballot all municipal officials and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, (1) 3-year term:	Elaine Aloes Peter Pfeiffer Blank	62 1 10
Selectman, (1)1-year term:	Lois Miller Dianna Rollins Debra Gerry Bruce Whipple Blank	47 2 3 2 19
Road Commissioner, (1) 1-year term:	Gary Bishop Nicholas Rollins	69 1
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, (1) 3-year term:	Deron Whittemore Tori MacDonald Blank	27 38 8
	Total voters:	73

Article 3. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises on days other than Sunday. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes Yes 56
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Article 4. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off the premises on days other than Sunday. Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes Yes 58
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Article 5. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of malt liquor and wine for consumption off the premises on days other than Sunday. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes Yes 58

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Article 6. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises on Sundays. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Yes

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Article 7. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off the premises on Sundays. Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on Sundays?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Yes

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Article 8. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of malt liquor and wine for consumption off the premises on Sundays. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes Yes 54

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By a secret ballot vote the following six Articles 3 through 8 passed.

Total voters in attendance to Town Meeting: 39

Article 9: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$655,923, established for the Town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Motion to approve Article 9 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Charges \$23,000 plus fees

Town Office Utilities\$ 6,400Town Office Maintenance\$ 2,100Town Office Security System\$ 300

Training, Books, & Dues \$ 2,300

Municipal Officers Salary \$40,018

Tax Collector/Clerk \$45,281

Treasurer \$12,770

Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer \$16,415

Code Enforcement Officer \$ 5,200

Plumbing Inspector fees collected

911 Addressing Officer \$225.00 plus ½ of fees

Elections \$ 3,000 \$ 2,600 Register of Voters TRIO Program Fees \$ 7,457 Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve \$10,000 Town Records Preservation Reserve \$ 4,500 Municipal Grounds Maintenance Reserve \$ 3,000 Town Line Survey Reserve \$ 2,500 Town Flags Reserve \$ 1,500

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$188,567 plus fees

Motion to approve Article 10 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

Winter Roads \$125,000 Summer Roads \$125,000 Gravel Roads Reserve \$10,000

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$260,000 plus reimbursements

Motion to approve Article 11 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$90,000 plus fees & income

Motion to approve Article 12 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Chief \$ 7,644 Fire Department \$35,000

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$42,644 plus reimbursements & donations

Motion to approve Article 13 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$19,000 plus fees and investment income

Motion to approve Article 14 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Bruce Whipple. Motion PASSES

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for INSURANCE.

Worker Compensation Insurance \$12,000 Unemployment Insurance \$4,787 Property Insurance \$20,000 Social Security & Medicare \$26,000 Selectmen and the Advisory Committee recommend \$62,787

Motion to approve Article 15 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Hydrant Fee \$21,864 Street Lights \$8,500 Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$30,364

Motion to approve Article 16 as recommended: Lois Miller. Second: Craig Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Article 17: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for CEMETERIES.

Cemeteries \$18,000 Cemetery Maintenance Reserve \$4,500 Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$22,500

Motion to approve Article 17 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for ANIMAL CONTROL.

Animal Shelter \$2,300 Animal Control Officer \$3,120 Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$5,420

Motion to approve Article 18 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

General Assistance \$15,000 **KVCAP** Transportation Service 550 (request \$550) **KVCAP Head Start** \$ 800 (request \$800) 800 (request \$1,300) Hospice \$ 750 (request \$750) **Spectrum Generations** \$ Kennebec Behavioral Health 500 (request \$500) \$ Community Health & Counseling 100 (request \$200) Solon Food Cupboard \$ 2,000 (request \$2,000) Lifeflight Foundation 200 (request \$527) American Red Cross 150 (request \$150)

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$20,850

Motion to approve Article 19 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

Recreation Program Reserve	\$1,000
Recreation Facilities & Maintenance Res.	\$1,000
Swim/Camp Program Reserve	\$1,500
4th of July Fireworks	\$1,500
Special Events	\$1,000
After School Program Reserve	\$5,000

Baker Mountain Ski Club \$1.000 Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$12,000

Motion to approve Article 20 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 21: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for AGENCIES.

Kennebec Council of Governments \$1,604 (requested \$1,604) Maine Municipal Association \$2,164 (requested \$2,164) Somerset Economic Development \$ 100 (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$3,868

Motion to approve Article 21 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Lois Miller. Motion PASSES.

Article 22: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

Fire Truck Loan \$7,000

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$7,000

Motion to approve Article 22 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 23: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

> Road Paving Reserve Account \$190,000 Highway Equipment Reserve \$ 45,000 Sidewalk Repair Reserve \$ 2,000 Transfer Station Truck & Equipment Res. 7,500 Coolidge Library Capital Reserve 3,000 Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve \$ 3.500

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$251,000

Motion to approve Article 23 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 24: Shall the Town raise \$5,000 by taxation for the Special Projects fund to be used to replace the computers at the Coolidge Library.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Motion to approve Article 24 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 25: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use up to \$5,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent town report. The total transfer of undesignated revenues for this purpose shall not exceed \$5,000 within the fiscal year. Transfer of undesignated revenues in excess of \$5,000 must be authorized by a town meeting vote.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Motion to approve Article 25 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 26: Shall the town change the name of a section of the currently named Rowell Mountain Road (that begins at the Hole in the Wall Road and heads southerly to the south line of Map R6 Lot 10) to Rowell Pond Road?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Motion to approve Article 26 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 27: Shall the town change the name of a section of the currently named Rowell Mountain Road (that begins at the Hole in the Wall Road and heads northerly to the Bingham town line) to Baker Pond Road? Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Motion to approve Article 27 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Craig Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Article 28: Shall the town change the name of Baker Pond Lane to Starbird Lane? Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Motion to approve Article 28 as recommended: Kim Johnson. Second: Craig Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Article 29: Shall the town create a reserve account for GIS mapping and tax maps and allow those funds to be expended by the Selectmen?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$2,200 by taxation.

Motion to approve Article 29 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Lois Miller. Motion PASSES.

Article 30: Shall the town create a reserve account for real estate assessing and allow those funds to be expended to pay a Certified Maine Assessor for a revaluation of the town's real estate and for yearly updates on the real estate valuation?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$15,000 by taxation.

Motion to approve Article 30 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Kim Johnson. Motion PASSES.

Article 31: Shall the Town approve a Road Paving project to repave the River Road with the necessary funds to come from the Road Paving Reserve and Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) funds.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes with a maximum to be spent of \$400,000.

Motion to approve Article 31 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Kim Johnson. Motion PASSES.

Article 32: Shall the Town approve the purchase of a backhoe/loader with the necessary funds to come from the Highway Equipment Reserve funds.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes with a maximum to be spent of \$115,000.

Motion to approve Article 32 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second. Lois Miller. Motion PASSES.

Article 33: Shall the Town raise additional funds to complete the fire station addition?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$3,000 by taxation and \$3,000 from the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve.

Motion to approve Article 33 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Craig Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Article 34: Shall the Town authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to approve Article 34 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second Bruce Whipple. Motion PASSES.

Article 35: Shall the town authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State or Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it

to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget and/or reserve funds.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to approve Article 35 as recommended: Michael Golden. Second: Andy Davis. Motion PASSES.

Article 36: Shall the town give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, firefighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to approve Article 36 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Craig Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Article 37: Shall the town accept the following tax related articles:

- 1. Shall the town authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$100 to that person's next year's property taxes.
- 2. Shall the town authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S A Section 506.
- 3. Shall the town raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2022.
- 4. Shall the town use any surplus funds in excess of \$110,000.00 to reduce taxes.
- 5. Shall the town authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to approve Article 37 as recommended: Andy Davis. Second: Deb Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Article 38: If the Town accepts Article 37-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 4%.)

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend 0%.

Motion to approve Article 38 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Michael Golden. Motion PASSES.

Article 39: Shall the town set September 15, 2022 as the date when all unpaid 2022 taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 4%)

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to approve Article 39 as recommended: Craig Gerry. Second: Michael Foster. Motion PASSES.

Article 40: Shall the town set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Motion to approve Article 40 as recommended: Michael Golden. Craig Gerry. Motion PASSES.

Given under my hand this 9th day of February A.D., 2022,

/s/Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

/s/Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of Selectman

/s/Wayne Johnson, Selectman

Attest true copy: Leslie Giroux, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the fifth day of March AD 2022 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 11th day of February AD 2022, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

/s/Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.